

HONORING PASTOR JASPER  
WILLIAMS, JR.

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Pastor Jasper Williams, Jr., is celebrating sixty (60) years in preaching the gospel this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Pastor Jasper Williams, under the guidance and calling of God began preaching and singing the word of God as a child and has transformed over the years as a "Son of Thunder" through his style of preaching and teachings; and

Whereas, from Memphis, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, he has pioneered and sustained Salem Bible Church, as an instrument in our community which uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Jasper Williams, Jr., as he celebrates sixty years (60) in preaching the gospel;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 8, 2010 as Pastor Jasper Williams, Jr., Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of August, 2010.

RECOGNIZING THE VISION OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN W. WEEKS AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSERVATION MOVEMENT

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I am on the floor today to introduce a resolution acknowledging the 100th year anniversary of the passage of the Weeks Act. This little-known act marks a significant conservation achievement in the annals of this nation's conservation movement. John W. Weeks, a Republican Congressman from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was relentless in his efforts to pass this legislation, which authorized the federal purchase of cutover and denuded forestlands in the headwaters of navigable streams for the purpose of conserving the flow of streams and rivers and to restore lands for future timber production. It took close to two years of fierce battle with his colleagues before he succeeded as the Weeks Act cleared Congress on March 1, 1911.

Few of my colleagues may be aware, but at the turn of the 19th century, vast amounts of

private forested land in the eastern United States had been ravaged by clear cut logging. In the absence of trees, vast areas of the East were prone to flooding and soil erosion, as well as destructive forest fires. No longer productive, these lands were often abandoned and came into state and local ownership for nonpayment of taxes. To bring these lands back from the ecological brink, Rep. John Weeks introduced legislation directing the federal government to offer states and localities the opportunity to relieve themselves of these nonproductive lands and at federal expense restore them to their former condition.

Today 26 eastern states are home to 52 National Forests encompassing almost 25 million acres. These forests provide significant economic benefits. Not only are the forests recreational sanctuaries, they are also a major contributor in keeping America's drinking water clean. Many eastern municipal water supplies depend on National Forest watersheds and currently \$450 billion in food and fiber, manufactured goods, and tourism depends on clean water and healthy watersheds. In addition, the timber supply managed by the Forest Service provides a significant monetary benefit. The timber resource was almost nonexistent when the federal government purchased the land, but today these lands host an estimated 42 billion cubic feet of growing stock and about 210 billion board feet of saw timber.

With this resolution we recognize and commemorate the vision of John W. Weeks and his contribution to the conservation movement. Both Republicans and Democrats recognized the importance of federal government in conserving the forests and the water supply for long-term environmental goals. Today I encourage both Congress and the Forest Service to begin a centennial celebration commemorating this major bipartisan accomplishment. Our 52 National Forests in 26 eastern states would not exist today were it not for passage of the Weeks Act of 1911.

I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,098,789,113,781.32

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,460,363,367,487.50 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

DEFEND AMERICANS FROM DRUG MANUFACTURERS

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I recently introduced H.R. 542, the Consumer Protection Act.

This bill will repeal the Learned Intermediary Doctrine and allow the American consumer to sue a drug manufacturer directly.

Medications are meant to heal us, but sometimes, something goes horribly wrong, and the medicine that was supposed to make us better, only makes us sicker. When this happens, Americans should be able to hold the drug manufacturers responsible.

However, because of a court precedent called the Learned Intermediary Doctrine, Americans are not able to sue the manufacturers of the drug that harmed them. According to the Learned Intermediary Doctrine, a patient cannot sue the drug manufacturer on the grounds that their doctor (the Learned Intermediary) should be able to warn them about the possible negative side effects.

However, in this day of direct to consumer advertising, so often Americans get their information about medication from the manufacturer's advertising, or off the internet. H.R. 542, the Consumer Protection Act, will repeal the Learned Intermediary Doctrine, allowing the consumer to sue the drug manufacturer directly. If drug manufacturers are able to advertise directly to the consumer, then they must be held responsible when something goes wrong.

HONORING WILLIE AND  
JOSEPHINE WILDER

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Willie and Josephine Wilder are celebrating fifty years (50) in marriage today in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, on December 23, 1960, because of their union then, our community today has been blessed with a family that has enhanced our district. Mr. Wilder was captain of the football team and Mrs. Wilder was a cheerleader when they married and now, they both are instruments in our community that uplift the spiritual, physical, economic and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God and this phenomenal and virtuous Proverbs 31 woman have given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and are beacons of light to those in need, they both have been blessed with two wonderful children, three wonderful grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Willie and Josephine Wilder are distinguished citizens of our district, they are spiritual warriors, persons of compassion, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their family, but with our District their passion to improve the lives of others; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Willie and Josephine Wilder as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary, fifty (50) years in marital bliss;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim December 11, 2010, and December 23, 2010, as Willie and Josephine Wilder Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 11th day of December, 2010.

### HONORING EVA LASSMAN

### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life of Eva Lassman. As a resident of Spokane, Washington for over sixty years, Eva raised three sons in her inspiring likeness. However, Eva's life story was forever altered far before coming to Eastern Washington.

Eva Lassman was born into an Orthodox Jewish family in Lodz, Poland, in 1919. Following Nazi invasion of Poland, at 20 years old, Eva and hundreds of thousands of Jews were confined in the infamous Warsaw ghetto and later moved to the Majdanek concentration camp. Overcoming unspeakable acts of horror—Eva survived for five years in Nazi ghettos and camps before being liberated by Allied Forces in the Spring of 1945. Like far too many Jewish families, nearly all of Eva's immediate and extended family were murdered in the Holocaust.

Looking for a place to restart her life, Eva accepted the invitation and sponsorship of the Spokane Jewish community for resettlement in Spokane. Despite, initially not knowing English or having jobs, Eva and her husband Walter moved to Spokane where over the next 60 years they would become pillars of the Spokane community. Eva dedicated her entire adult life to what she often referred to as her obligation of survival—educating the world on the atrocities of the Holocaust and why it is so important to challenge hate wherever it may be.

Eva told her story to thousands of elementary, junior high, high school, and college students throughout the Pacific Northwest. It has been said that, the exceptionality of Eva's experience is only paralleled by the exceptionality of her commitment to use that experience in making the world a better place. I could not agree more. To that end, Eva's life work is reflected in the countless awards and recognitions she received including the Carl Maxey Racial Justice Award and the inaugural Eva Lassman Award issued annually by Gonzaga University to honor an individual who has committed her or his life to challenging hate.

As an active Letter to the Editor contributor, Eva's life and work inspired all those who heard her words to lead lives to reject hate and courageously combat evil. Of the 200,000 survivors of the Holocaust that were liberated in 1945, fewer and fewer are alive with each passing day.

Mr. Speaker, Eva Lassman sadly passed away early this week and will be laid to rest tomorrow in Spokane, Washington. I urge all of my colleagues to honor Eva's legacy by continuing to spread her message of respect and tolerance.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. D.E. WARD, JR.

### HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding North Carolinian, Dr. D.E. Ward, Jr., of Lumberton, North Carolina. On January 31, 2011, a month after his 90th birthday, Dr. Ward retired from the practice of medicine after 57 years of service to his community, which is also my own hometown. I ask that you join me in recognizing his long and honorable career.

After graduating from Wake Forest School of Medicine, Dr. Ward interned for a year at the Philadelphia General Hospital, and then served our country in the U.S. Navy Reserve. After returning to Wake Forest and finishing his residency, Dr. Ward became a surgeon in Lumberton, where he has remained all of these years. In addition to his professional practice, Dr. Ward has bettered his community in countless ways. He has served with distinction as president of the North Carolina Medical Society and on my Seventh Congressional District Advisory Committee on Medical and Health Affairs.

Dr. Ward volunteered for 22 years as Lumberton High School's football, baseball, and basketball team doctor. He also has been recognized by numerous civic and medical organizations for his contributions, including receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine—North Carolina's highest civilian honor—in 2001 and the Wake Forest Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004. His patients (including my late father, who was a fraternity brother of Dr. Ward's in college), employees, and colleagues praise him as courteous, professional, kind, and one of the best doctors and best people they know.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. D.E. Ward, Jr., has practiced medicine in Robeson County for decades and has made our community a better and healthier place. As he closes the final chapter of his career, I wish Dr. Ward and his family well, and may God's richest blessings be upon them. I ask that you join me today in recognition of his impressive career of serving the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOSE LUNA

### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding medical professional in my congressional district, who has dedicated his life and profession to helping those who are most in need. Dr. Jose Luna serves as the Chief Medical Officer at Centro San Vicente and is currently the chairman of the El Paso County Hospital District Board of Managers. He is a tireless advocate for those who do not have access to affordable health care, and has committed himself to improving the lives and health of residents along the U.S.-Mexico border. In honor of his work, the El Paso Diabetes Association is recognizing Dr. Luna at their 3rd annual HOPE Ball as an indi-

vidual who has been an invaluable partner in the fight against diabetes.

The statistics regarding diabetes are staggering. Diabetes is an epidemic affecting nearly 24 million Americans and another 57 million with pre-diabetes. Every 24 hours, 4,100 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with diabetes. In El Paso, as many as one in six people are currently living with diabetes, and many more are unaware that their lifestyle choices are putting them at risk or have already made them pre-diabetic.

It is important that we all understand how diabetes affects us, our families, and our community. Since 1968, the El Paso Diabetes Association has been an invaluable asset to my congressional district by providing personalized services including diabetes management and prevention. The organization's mission is to promote education and early detection, empower people to take control of their health, and increase access to resources, and Dr. Luna, this year's HOPE recipient is dedicated to those goals.

Dr. Jose Luna has been involved with the El Paso Diabetes Association for over 8 years, and has made a significant impact, especially with the uninsured and medically underserved. His service to the organization and our community is having a positive impact on the lives of El Pasoans and is helping stem this growing epidemic. Dr. Luna is most deserving of this honor, and I applaud his work and dedication to make El Paso a better and healthier place.

Today, I am proud to recognize Dr. Luna and everyone at the El Paso Diabetes Association, and I greatly appreciate their hard work for the betterment of our community.

### A LIFE OF SERVICE AND SHARING

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 10, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Third Congressional District of Florida and myself we rise now to offer our heartfelt condolences and pay tribute to the life of Dr. Michael Bernard Butler, a humanitarian, healer, life activist and friend.

We are moved and encouraged when recalling the life achievements of this giant in the field of medicine and community and social activism. As a husband and father, we embrace his wife, his foundation for more than four glorious decades, Mrs. M. Jean Clarkson, and their children Brian and Michele. As man for whom education was the key, Dr. Butler received his B.S. Degree from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama and the degree of Medical Doctor from Howard University, Washington, D.C. Additional studies took him to Frankfurt Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Mercy Catholic Medical Center, also in Philadelphia. These academic and professional accomplishments insured his certification by and admittance to prestigious medical societies, and he was an Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida.

As a man who served his country, Dr. Butler distinguished himself on the field of battle in the Vietnam War with his service to and for the physical health and morale of those in his charge. He distinguished himself as a fine